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THREE TO WATCH IN SOCHI

- 8:30 a.m. Brad Jacobs' rink faces Great Britain in the finals and could make it a gold-medal sweep for Canada in curling.
- 12 p.m. Canada and the U.S. square off in the semi-finals in a rematch of the 2010 gold-medal game — except this time, Canada will need a win just for the opportunity to play for gold.
- 8:30 a.m. On the long track, Canada's men and women race for the podium in the team pursuit. The men, led by double Sochi medallist Denny Morrison, are the reigning gold medallists from Vancouver. **GREG DOWNS/FOR METRO**



GOLDEN COMEBACK

Marie-Philip Poulin celebrates her game-tying goal against the U.S. in the final seconds that pushed Canada to overtime — and ultimately a gold medal — in Sochi, Russia, on Thursday. For Olympic coverage see pages 24-26. **NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Justin Trudeau's rehearsal speech accidentally broadcast to media at national convention **PAGE 10**

London's own Olympic 'Great 8'

Pre-Sochi Olympics. There is 'something special' about London hockey



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They have scored more than 1,000 goals, have more than 2,400 points and have played more than 3,000 regular-season games in the National Hockey League.

They are London's version of the Great 8. That's what you get when you mix two London-born hockey players with six others who played with the London Knights and the combination will play a huge role in the outcome of the two Olympic semifinals Friday.

Seven of the Great 8 — excluding Finnish defenceman Olli Maatta — were eligible to play in the Canada-United States rematch of the gold-medal game in Vancouver. But only six will play, as former Knight John Tavares is now out of the

tournament with an injury.

So two Londoners — defenceman Drew Doughty and forward Jeff Carter — and two former Knights — forward Corey Perry and Rick Nash — will suit up for the Canadian side. On the U.S. team, forward Patrick Kane and defenceman John Carlson, both former Knights, will be in the lineup.

All the former Knights played under the current ownership team of Dale and Mark Hunter. They also double as the head coach and general manager, respectively.

Dale Hunter talks hockey gr8tness

Jeff Carter

"Speed and strength. I know every team loves these guys that can score goals and drive to the net."

Olli Maatta

"Work ethic is outstanding. Can't believe how focused he is to be a hockey player and that's what he is."

Drew Doughty

"Great D. He's a special player and he loves the game."

Rick Nash

"One thing about him is he has great speed, great hands. Big man."

Patrick Kane

"For not a very big man, he's a special player because he's got great hands, great vision."

John Carlson

"With his speed on (defence), he can get up on the rush. He can come back."



Dale Hunter METRO FILE

Corey Perry

"One thing about Corey Perry is he finds a way on big games to play big."

John Tavares

"Johnny T. He's business, he's all business. Great player, but he's business-like."



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Arrest made

Man charged with robbery of taxi driver

A man who allegedly tried to demand cash from a taxi driver has been arrested and charged.

London police say 35-year-old Phillipe Cadieux of London has been charged with armed robbery after it was reported that he assaulted the driver and demanded cash in the early hours of Thursday morning.

Police say Cadieux, who was found in a nearby residence, had an unspecified weapon.

The driver was uninjured.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Suspect sought

Home ransacked while family at funeral

Woodstock police are looking for the person responsible for burglarizing and ransacking a house while the family was attending a funeral.

The residence was entered during daylight hours of Feb. 19.

Police say the family was victimized during what was already a vulnerable time. They suggest having a friend or neighbour keep an eye on your house if you're going to be away, especially if the absence has been inadvertently advertised in the media through an obituary or other form of notice. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

On the web

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Event director Irma Haggith-Fonseca, left, and volunteer coordinator Melissa Tiller. CONTRIBUTED

When nights get cold but not bitter

On the streets. Walk highlights chilling facts of homelessness



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London has experienced some bitterly cold nights this winter, but the coldest one is yet to come — spiritually, if not factually.

Mission Services of London and members of the local community will spend their annual Coldest Night of the Year Saturday walking the streets to experience the sometimes bone-chilling

plight of the homeless.

The non-competitive winter walk builds awareness and raises funds for those coping with homelessness and poverty, who don't have the luxury of turning the heat up when the weather gets cold.

The walk will be taking place in 64 locations across Canada.

Those taking part can choose between distances of two, five and 10 kilometres.

Mission Services spokeswoman Connie Spuria said this winter has been exceptionally hard on the homeless due to the record cold temperatures and abundance of snow.

They've been at or near capacity far more often than

usual and extra cots have been used many nights when the refuge was full.

"Regardless of whether it's -1 C or -10 C or -20 C, if you have nowhere to go, you have nowhere to go," she said. "But this year the demand on food and clothing has been really high and I've heard the same with the Salvation Army. Yesterday, our executive director was at a meeting and the food banks were saying they're tapped."

"We've had some tough weather and some tough economic times and it all goes together," she added.

Participants can go online to register a team or join a team and collect pledges.

Mission Services provides

At a glance

- **What:** Coldest Night of the Year national winter walk
- **When:** Saturday. Check-in 4 p.m.; Kick-off 5 p.m.
- **Where:** Beginning and ending at Catholic Central High School, 450 Dundas St.
- **Routes and registration:** coldestnightoftheyear.org/location/london

shelter, food, clothing, counselling and rehabilitation for those in need.

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But not necessarily working. Fewer Londoners are receiving employment benefits: StatsCan

The number of people in London-St. Thomas receiving employment insurance benefits decreased for the second month in a row, according to a Statistics Canada report Thursday.

In November 2013, 5,710 people received benefits. That dropped by 140 recipients in December, a 2.5 per cent decline.

Year over year, though, the number of those receiving employment insurance dropped by 9.9 per cent. There were 6,180 recipients in December 2012, but only 5,570 in December 2013.

Statistics Canada analyst Vincent Ferrao said the lower

numbers could be attributed to two factors. "Some people do find employment, but the benefits run out for some people after a period of time," he said. "They simply drop out of the program. So we can't definitely say it's because they're finding work. It could be they used up all of their benefits."

The most recent monthly increase was last October.

"But if you go back over 12 months, the trend has been downwards," Ferrao said.

Nationally, the number of initial and renewal claims rose for the second consecutive month in December, up 3.3 per cent to 233,300.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Western University

Access-to-justice symposium to tackle growing problem

The legal profession must deal with the complex challenge of the great number of Canadians who can't afford a lawyer when facing legal problems, the director of Western University's Community Legal Services Clinic says.

The Access to Justice Symposium, hosted by Western's Faculty of Law, will be held Feb. 24 from 2 to 5 p.m. in Room 36 in the Faculty of Law Building.

"This is a critical moment in the fight for equal access to justice," Doug Ferguson said. "The legal profession and law schools need to take action." **METRO**

Bus pickups

Luncheon for homeless, hungry

It's almost time to come in out of the cold.

The Jewish Community Centre, with the support of the United Jewish Appeal, the London Jewish Foundation and about 50 volunteers, is hosting the eighth annual Come In Out of the Cold hospitality luncheon for the city's homeless and hungry Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.

Buses will be deployed throughout London to pick up people wanting to attend, with stops at homeless shelters and other appropriate locations.

Free clothing is also available.

The Jewish Community Centre is located at 536 Huron St. **METRO**



From left, Eva Blahut, Peter Janes and Adam Holowitz at the Arts Project. Blahut and Holowitz are two of the actors who will perform *White Rabbit, Red Rabbit*.
MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Solo plays will be actors' nightmare

Arts Project. London production will keep talent on their toes



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Peter Janes flatly denies that he hates actors, but he does have a wicked smile on his face when he talks about his new production.

White Rabbit, Red Rabbit is billed as "an actor's night-

mare" and the promotional material includes the word "bizarre." But it's quite an idea.

There are no rehearsals. In fact, the actors don't even get to see the script before the show. Each time, a different actor will be performing the script cold.

"I loved the concept of it," said Janes, who's producing the play. "I love the idea of nobody having any idea of what's going on, except for me."

And they're a brave bunch. Every actor on his list

of 12 agreed to take on the play, which is somewhere between a reading, an improvisation and an interpretation. It has no set and no director but the performer must stick to the script. It's been performed all over the world.

"I'm terrified of improv," said actor Eva Blahut. "That's why I said yes to it. I thought there is absolutely no better way to test your limits than to dive in the deep end."

"I'm never going to get another opportunity like this."

This isn't Wonderland

White Rabbit, Red Rabbit will be presented on 12 nights in March, each time with a different actor.

- The dates are March 7-8, 14-15, 19-22 and 26-29. All performances, at the Arts Project on Dundas Street, start at 8 p.m.

- Each evening's actor will be announced at london-theatre.ca on the day.

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Missing woman. Halifax police to travel to Ontario

Halifax police say investigators will soon travel to Ontario to arrest two people charged with possession of a stolen vehicle after Loretta Saunders' car was found near Windsor.

On Thursday, police said they obtained arrest warrants for Blake Leggette, 25, and Victoria Henneberry, 28, who will be returned to Nova Scotia to face the stolen vehicle charges as well as outstanding warrants, possession of stolen goods and fraud-related charges.

Police are considering Saunders' disappearance suspicious after her car was found in Harrow, a town near Windsor on Tuesday night, and Leggette and Henneberry were arrested.

Police also say they have found Saunders' debit card and that it was allegedly used several times by both Leggette and Henneberry in Ontario.

Saunders, a 26-year-old Saint Mary's University student, hasn't been seen since she left her Cowie Hill Road apartment last Thursday and was officially reported missing by her family on Monday.

Loretta's sister, Delilah Saunders, started the Facebook group Help Bring Loretta Saunders Home, and flew to Halifax from B.C. this week to post missing posters around the city.

Saunders is in the last year of her sociology degree, working on a thesis about missing Aboriginal women.

Delilah is urging people to use the hashtag #findloretta on social media, and a donation fund has been set up to help bring Saunders' family to Halifax from Newfoundland and Labrador.

An online petition is also circulating to urge SMU to provide financial assistance to Saunders' family.

Police are asking anyone who may have seen Saunders or her car since Feb. 13 to come forward. The car is a Toyota Celica bearing the Newfoundland and Labrador plate HCP 543.

Saunders is described as a white Inuk woman, five-foot-seven, about 120 pounds with light brown straight hair.

HALEY RYAN/METRO IN HALIFAX



Loretta Saunders was officially reported missing on Monday. FACEBOOK

Snowboarding tragedy. Condolences for Western student on social media

Grief continued to cloud social media sites Thursday in the wake of the death of Taylor Ogram, a well-liked Western University software engineering student whose life was cut short in a snowboarding accident at Blue Mountain Tuesday night.

Ogram, 20, was discovered with critical injuries after failing to meet up with friends.

He died in hospital soon after.

Dan Younis tweeted: "Rest in peace Taylor Ogram. You will be missed

by the Western Community."

Another tweet from @elliewking: "All my love to the Ogram's, the sweetest sisters in the world and a terrible loss to an amazing family. Rest in Peace Taylor."

On Facebook, Amy Colleen Alice Purdy described him as "a beautiful person."

An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death. It's believed Ogram was wearing a helmet at the time.

He was originally from Caledon. METRO

Last chance for Great West memorabilia

Historic building. March auction likely the last for London landmark



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It's almost all gone, but there will be at least one more opportunity to snag some Great West Steakhouse swag when more of the items from the former London landmark go up for auction in early March.

So far, four auctions have depleted much of the historic railway roundhouse stock, but Excell Auction Services president Richard LaVoie said there are still plenty of valuable and unique articles available.

More good news: bidding can be done online.

"The way it works is we have an open house and then the bidding can be done online for seven days," he said. "We have stained glass, Tiffany-style lamps, some unique prints and a lot more."

Many of the items, LaVoie added, are one of a kind, making them collectors' editions.

"There are different styles of lamps, glass, different tables all in different sizes and that sort of thing,"



Stained glass like this from Great West Steakhouse will be up for bids in March. CONTRIBUTED

he said.

While not certain, he thinks this will be the last of five auctions.

The response has increased with each auction. LaVoie said knowing the next round could be the final round has kept the office phone ringing with curious queries about what might be up for grabs

Past to future

Built in 1887 as a steam locomotive repair shop, the roundhouse will soon be home to rTraction Canada and Atmos Marketing.

next month.

"This will likely be their last chance to get something out of the roundhouse Great West Beef."

A percentage of the proceeds will be directed to the Business Cares Food Drive.

Keeping up with the times, the old building is being renovated into a spacious new hi-tech digital centre.

Tories demand Wynne 'come clean' on gas plant cover-up

Ontario's minority Liberal government is "corrupt" and should allow a confidence vote in the legislature, the Progressive Conservatives said Thursday after a police raid to find emails deleted by members of former premier Dalton McGuinty's staff.

Ontario Provincial Police executed a search warrant Wednesday at a data-storage facility as part of an investigation into deleted emails on the Liberals' decisions to cancel gas plants in Oakville and Mississauga.

"If the search warrant is any indication, this govern-

ment is corrupt," charged Opposition energy critic Lisa MacLeod. "So I ask the premier, will she put our confidence motion to the test? Will she face the music, and will she face the people?"

Premier Kathleen Wynne dismissed the Conservatives' accusations and said she had provided a legislative committee with tens of thousands of documents on the gas plants and also broadened its mandate so the opposition parties could get all the information they were seeking.

"The issue of the relocation of the gas plants, ques-

tions which I have answered many, many, many times here and in front of committee — I've been in front of committee twice — I just want to say that we have provided all the information that the committee has asked for," Wynne told the legislature. "We have changed the rules and made it clear what the rules are in terms of retention of documents."

The opposition parties hammered away at Wynne over the police probe into the deleted emails on the decisions to cancel the gas plants prior to the 2011 election,

which the auditor general estimated would cost Ontario taxpayers up to \$1.1 billion.

"The premier's role, from signing the cabinet document (to cancel the Oakville plant) to her decisions as (Liberal) campaign chair, has finally caught up with her and the trail of bread crumbs led the OPP right to the premier's door," said Conservative Rob Leone. "We're at the point where it takes a team of OPP officers with crowbars just to pry these secrets out of your scandal-plagued government."

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Clock is ticking for youth council election

There's barely a week left to register as a candidate for the London Youth Advisory Council, the body that represents young people's opinions at a local level. Nominations for the youth government group close on Feb. 28, with election results being announced on March 31. Already registered are, from left, Nicole Worozbyt, 16, a Ward 4 candidate, and Ashley Veri, 21, who's running in Ward 5. Visit lyac.ca for full information. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

City has 40 questions on arts venture

Not so fast. Staff in favour of \$164-million project, but councillors demand more details



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Let's go for it, city staff is telling council members as London's big arts project returns to city hall.

But it's still not a done deal. There's a long list of questions that council wants to ask the joint task force behind the concert hall, theatre and cultural district development — including who will pay if costs overrun.

Two weeks after councillors themselves demanded more information on the project, city investments and partnerships director Harvey Filger is reporting back.

Filger was an enthusiastic supporter of the big-ticket development, so it's not surprising that his department is asking Monday's meeting of the investment and economic prosperity committee to back it.

Staff also want council members to approve the task force's request of \$75,000 to develop a business plan, if it

hires the specialist "cultural sector consulting firm" Novita. That money would come from existing budgets for Filger's department.

But it's not as simple as rubber-stamping the project.

"There are a number of questions that should be addressed," says Filger's report.

He wants to know who will pay for any extra costs, specifying that it should not be the city. There are also questions about the timescale of development.

Planning costs

\$75,000

Staff also want council members to approve the task force's request of \$75,000 to develop a business plan.

Staff members want to know who will own the new concert hall venue. If it's a new organization, he wants to see its "fully articulated" governance structure.

And there are more questions — 40 in all — about everything from the number of seats to the marketing plan. That business plan, if it does get written, isn't going to be a thin document.

But the report to Monday's meeting does praise the pro-

Blueprint

What is being proposed?

A joint task force between Music London and The Grand Theatre is leading the \$164-million arts proposal.

It includes a \$50-million replacement for Centennial Hall, being called the Celebration Centre, and a \$5-million expansion for The Grand.

There's also a \$100-million condo/hotel development in two towers at Wellington Street and Princess Avenue, in addition to talk of a cultural district to enhance downtown.

The city's being asked to invest \$16 million, with the task force promising it will get the money back in taxes and other benefits within 10 years.

ject for its potential.

"Cultural facilities can be a powerful community revitalization asset," it says.

Bluetooth at the border — beneficial or Big Brother?

In a bid to provide more accurate border wait times to travellers, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation will install Bluetooth readers along routes to the Ambassador Bridge and Detroit-Windsor tunnel.

The scanners will locate available Bluetooth devices within range and measure how far they've travelled between pings.

"People want real-time information," said MTO engineer Mike Barnett. "This will give people more certainty, more choice and more information when they're planning

their travel."

On Tuesday, Windsor city council approved the ministry's application to install the readers along Huron Church Road and parts of Highway 401.

Similar devices are slated for installation near the Blue-water Bridge in Sarnia as well as Niagara Falls.

While few would object to more precise wait times, privacy advocates are concerned the technology could allow travellers to be tracked.

"Bluetooth tracking is not new by any stretch, but this

Concerns

"Depending on how widely it's done, they could start identifying patterns like how often you come, where you go and who else you arrive with."

Christopher Parsons, privacy researcher and postdoctoral fellow at University of Toronto

shows that there are more and more systems passively monitoring people," said Christopher Parsons, a privacy researcher and postdoctoral fellow at the University of Toronto.

"And it's not clear from public documents how this

data is captured, how long it's retained and who it's being shared with."

Bluetooth devices don't broadcast personal information but do contain a unique ID known as a MAC address. With access to other information, Parsons says govern-

ments may be able to use that ID to piece together who's travelling and where they're going after they cross the border.

"The argument for Bluetooth tracking is always that it's anonymous. That's sort of true unless you start capturing that data on a consistent basis and can start correlating it with other information," he said.

"Depending on how widely it's done, they could start identifying patterns like how often you come, where you go and who else you arrive with."

Barnett says travellers have nothing to be worried about. The data is only retained long enough to calculate wait times — about an hour — and won't be shared with U.S. authorities or other branches of the government.

"It's a completely standalone system," Barnett said. "No other agencies besides the Ministry (of Transportation) have access to it."

Barnett said the scanners should be installed at the Blue-water Bridge by this fall. Those in Windsor will be operational by 2015. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO



The opossums that Metro reporter Rita Poliakov saw at a breeder's house were smaller than the wild opossum, which is pictured above. ISTOCK

So, you want to buy an opossum

'Other pets.' How one reporter's quest for the perfect marsupial led to an imperfect situation

RITA
POLIAKOV
Metro in Toronto

It didn't take long for the baby opossum to escape my grip.

About the size of my palm, it quickly made its way off my hand, around my shirt and onto the couch. After hours of researching the marsupial, I guess I never realized how quick they would be. Or how agile.

I didn't expect to find myself at an opossum breeder's house on a Sunday morning, chatting about cockroach lunches and ferret pellets. But there I was, watching a full-grown opossum cuddle with its owner. He looked downright adorable.

Scouring the web

My journey may have ended at a breeder's an hour away from Toronto, but it began on Kijiji. My goal was to go through the same steps a prospective exotic pet owner might before finding that perfect critter. And for me, that started online.

On Kijiji, lurking in the "other pets" section, I found

a wealth of exotic animals — hedgehogs, Bengal cats and pythons, all just a click away. After a bit of Googling, I settled on a Brazilian, short-tailed opossum. And then I looked up Toronto's animal bylaws.

Opossums, it turns out, are in the prohibited animals list, right in between kangaroos and wallabies.

"Part of the reason for the exotic animal bylaw is these animals need quite a lot of specialized care," said Mary Lou Leiher of Toronto Animal Services. "Opossums, they're still wild animals. They're just being socialized.... That doesn't make them domesticated. Wild animals have different brain chemistry and should be left in the wild."

If I'm caught with an opossum, animal services would try to get me to give up my pet voluntarily. Otherwise, I could get charged and saddled with a fine as high as \$5,000.

'They're actually illegal'

"Sure, he would treat my opossum in an emergency, but then he'd inform me of the Toronto bylaws and recommend I take the pet to an animal rehab."

Providing the essentials
Trying to keep my opossum obsession on the down low, I started looking at care options. The breeder suggested using a plastic storage container with mesh on top where the lid would be instead of a cage. The opossum's diet would be a little bit more complicated. Opossums

need lots of variety, including ferret food, insects and baby food.

My next step was to talk to someone with experience. Richard Johnstone is an exotic animal science instructor at Sheridan College in Toronto. When living in Australia, Johnstone took in a baby possum (not to be confused with the North American opossum).

"It was delightful. I would bring home all kinds of eucalyptus. She'd sit on the back of the couch and chew them.

She was quite sweet," he said.

But when the possum got to adulthood, Johnstone released her. According to the instructor, mature possums can get aggressive when their hormones kick in.

Finding a vet

Armed with information, a hypothetical storage container and lots of cockroaches (also hypothetical), my last step was to find a vet.

Which proved to be my downfall.

The Links Road Animal Clinic in Toronto treats all kinds of exotic animals. But Dr. Evan Mavromatis hasn't seen many opossums.

"They're actually illegal," he was quick to tell me. Sure, he would treat my opossum in an emergency, but then he'd inform me of the Toronto bylaws and recommend I take the pet to an animal rehab.

Still, if not for animal bylaws, I think I'd enjoy owning a cuddly, agile marsupial. You know, hypothetically speaking.

Day 3: Exotic pets in Canada

After two New Brunswick boys were killed last year by an escaped African rock python, we wanted to understand why so many Canadians bring exotic — and sometimes lethal — animals into their homes and lives. What are the costs involved in caring for such critters? How many of these pets are illegal? And what happens when it all goes wrong?

- **Online.** Read about Jagger, a serval cat who lives in a Regina suburb; escape the clutch of a Burmese python; and hear what the Ikea monkey's mom has to say about having wild friends.

Metro reporter Rita Poliakov initially wanted to research buying a Fennec fox, shown here, but YouTube videos showcasing the animal's astonishingly high energy level convinced her to look for something else.



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That's not really a pet, is it?

Ranking No. 1 on Animal Planet's Top 10 Peculiar Pets list was none other than the Madagascar hissing cockroach (which produces a hissing sound when air travels through respiratory openings on the abdomen). These roaches could make ideal pets for those living in small dwellings, as the creatures only need a small enclosure with places to hide and sticks to climb. They're also suitable for exotic-animal owners who are on a budget. The insects eat fresh vegetables with dry pellet food that's high in protein. **METRO**



Jabba the Hut, or the face of cold-blooded danger? Read below to find out why this African bullfrog named Jeremiah can be a tricky pet. **CONTRIBUTED**

A soft spot for cold-blooded creatures *

From slithering serpents to creepy crawlies, Valerie Williams' vast array of cold-blooded pets would make even the bravest person cringe. But Williams wasn't nicknamed the Snake Lady for nothing.

Turning 80 this March, she has been all over Ontario educating adults and kids about reptiles, amphibians and insects since 1969. "A lot of people are scared of cold-blooded animals and often overlook how important they are," said Williams, who lives in London, Ont.

In every presentation, she likes reminding her audience about how useful these creatures are in the wild as they perform essential tasks like breaking down plant material to make new soil.

Williams' fascination for cold-blooded animals started when she was a young girl in her native England. At four years old, she was given her first pet snake. "My dad was an environmentalist and he'll just give me pets to take care of so I really appreciated them early on and was never really scared," she said.

Several decades after, Wil-

liams' interest has shown no signs of waning. She now keeps 20 rodent-eating snakes from ball pythons and king snakes to milk snakes and her favourite, corn snakes, which grow up to five feet and come in every colour except blue. "They're all extremely well-behaved," Williams said. "I will never do a show with an animal I don't personally know."

SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO IN REGINA

* Surprisingly, snakes aren't the most dangerous cold-blooded pets Valerie Williams owns. That title goes to her African bullfrog, Jeremiah. "He bites just because he feels like it," Williams said. "His kind attacks snakes and will even latch onto lions when they come down to drink in the watering hole." To see how sharp an African bullfrog's teeth are, search for "African bullfrog Erindi Private Game Reserve" on YouTube.



Having trouble with your pet fox? Help's a click away

Online support. Exotic animal owners can turn to Internet forums when they're having problems

ANDREW FIFIELD
Metro in Toronto

You become responsible forever, for what you have tamed.

That quote from French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry has become a mantra for exotic pet owners, but a dedicated Internet community is happy to help newbies shoulder that responsibility.

"Sadly, there are quite a few people who do not get the support they need," says Ash Whatcott, a forum moderator for Sybil's Den, a rich resource for new and prospective owners. "Rehoming an exotic animal is not easy and they can become very stressed."

A stressed animal makes for an unhappy pet, and an unhappy pet can be a destructive force, overwhelming new owners who worry they may have bitten off more than they



Fable's early days were trying for his owner, Ash Whatcott, but a little help from her online friends went a long way. **CONTRIBUTED**

can chew and marking a point where a helpful community becomes invaluable.

According to Whatcott, animals that spend their early days sharing a home are unlikely to find a happier habitat after proving too much for their owners. Many

end up in hands-off sanctuaries, which can be difficult for animals used to human contact. Others can end up being euthanized.

Whatcott herself was among the potentially overwhelmed owners after first adopting her red fox, Fable.

Quoted

"Rehoming an exotic animal is not easy and they can become very stressed."

Ash Whatcott, a forum moderator for Sybil's Den

Foxes are notoriously energetic and clever, traits that can get out of hand for an unprepared owner. Wrestling with red fox red tape such as securing the proper permits can also be daunting.

And though the help provided at Sybil's Den was a huge assist in the early days, the window for potential complications stays open.

"This past fall, I ran into difficulties when Fable's temperament unexpectedly changed," says Whatcott. "By speaking with other members I learned what to do to correct the situation and now Fable is back to his playful, loving self."

"If not for the community, I'm not sure I ever would have seen that cute little white-tipped tail wag again."

Which famous guy owned an anteater?

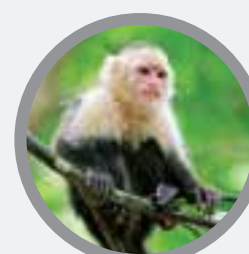
Mike Tyson, Vanilla Ice, Nicolas Cage, Justin Bieber, Salvador Dali and Michael Jackson are just some of the celebrities who've kept exotic pets. Guess which one owned which critter. (Answers below.)



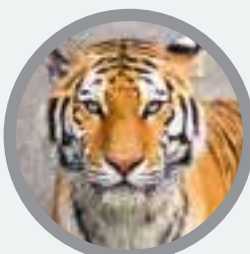
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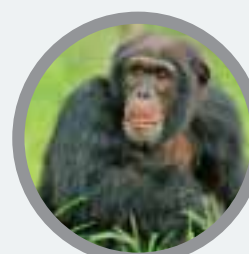
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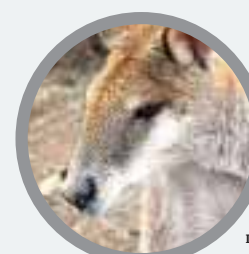
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Answers: Salvador Dali = anteater, Nicolas Cage = octopus, Vanilla Ice = wallaroo, Justin Bieber = capuchin monkey, Mike Tyson = tiger, Michael Jackson = chimpanzee

Trudeau's first convention as leader begins with a glitch

Technical difficulties.

Liberal Leader's rehearsal accidentally broadcast to media; speech says Harper has 'no answers' for economic problems

Justin Trudeau's first national party convention since becoming Liberal leader started with a slight hitch.

A rehearsal of his opening speech was inadvertently broadcast to the media room several hours before he was to officially welcome some 3,000 Liberal delegates to Montreal.

In the speech, Trudeau exhorts delegates to stay tightly focused on the economic challenges facing the middle class, whom he says have watched their incomes stagnate and their household debt balloon while the gap has increased between rich and poor.

He argues that Prime Min-

ister Stephen Harper's government has "no answers" to the economic problems that feed fear and anxiety.

And that, he maintains, has helped create the environment in which the Parti Quebecois government has introduced legislation to prohibit public servants from wearing prominent religious symbols.

"In a growing and fair economy, the PQ plan would not only be unrealistic, it would be unthinkable," Trudeau says.

To Canadians outside Quebec, Trudeau says: "I know you worry about how divisions are being stoked in this province these days, how identity politics are generating fear and intolerance. Well, have faith. This idea that diversity is strength has never been a foreign idea here."

To his fellow Quebecers, Trudeau says: "We have spent too long in protest." And he promises to beat back fear with hope. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau addresses his party's policy convention Thursday in Montreal. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS



University of Calgary professor Darla Zelenitsky holds a cast of a juvenile pachyrhinosaur skull. Behind her is the 1.5-metre portion of an adult skull she unearthed in Drumheller, Alta. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO IN CALGARY

Dino-mite! Massive skull unearthed by University of Calgary researchers

Describing their discovery as "gargantuan" both in its literal size and its potential significance, University of Calgary researchers have unveiled a portion of a massive skull of an ancient dinosaur — possibly the largest ever found.

The nearly two-metre long

fossil was found in Drumheller, Alta., in October.

They think what they unearthed was one of the largest, if not the largest, skull of a pachyrhinosaur ever found, said Darla Zelenitsky, an assistant professor at the university.

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Fatal confrontation

New indictments for Mounties in Taser perjury case

New indictments have been filed against two Mounties accused of perjury at a public inquiry into Robert Dziekanski's death, adding an allegation the officers lied when they testified that they hadn't talked about what happened after his

death.

Dziekanski, who was immigrating to Canada from Poland, died on the floor of the Vancouver airport after he was repeatedly stunned with an RCMP Taser in October 2007.

All four RCMP officers involved in the fatal confrontation were charged with one count of perjury. One of them, Const. Bill Bentley, has already been tried and acquitted.

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People pass through Independence Square, the epicentre of the country's current unrest, in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. Fierce clashes between police and protesters shattered a brief truce in Ukraine's besieged capital, killing numerous people. The deaths came in a new eruption of violence just hours after the country's embattled president and opposition leaders called for a truce and negotiations to try to resolve Ukraine's political crisis. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The truce is over: Deadliest day yet in Kyiv protests

Fierce clashes. Medic says scores killed and hundreds wounded in Ukraine's capital

Protesters tossed firebombs and advanced on police lines Thursday in Ukraine's embattled capital. Government snipers shot back, killing at least 70 people and wounding hundreds of others, according to medic Dr. Oleh Musiy.

Video footage on Ukrainian television showed shocking scenes Thursday of protesters being cut down by gunfire, lying on the pavement as comrades rushed to their aid. Trying to protect themselves with shields, teams of protesters carried bodies away on sheets of plastic or planks of wood.

"The price of freedom is too high but Ukrainians are paying it," said Viktor Danilyuk, a 30-year-old protester. "We have



Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

no choice, the government isn't hearing us."

Protesters were also seen leading policemen with their hands held high around the sprawling protest camp in central Kyiv. Ukraine's Interior Ministry says 67 police were captured in all.

President Viktor Yanukovich and the opposition protesters who are demanding his resignation are locked in an epic battle over the identity of Ukraine, a nation of 46 mil-

lion that has divided loyalties between Russia and the West. Parts of the country — mostly in its western cities — are in open revolt against Yanukovich's central government, while many in eastern Ukraine back the president and favour strong ties with Russia, their former Soviet ruler.

Protesters across the country are also upset over corruption in Ukraine, the lack of democratic rights and the country's ailing economy, which just barely avoided bankruptcy with a \$15 billion loan from Russia.

At least 101 people have died this week in the clashes in Kyiv, according to protesters and Ukrainian authorities, a sharp reversal in three months of mostly peaceful protests. Now neither side appears willing to compromise or in control of the streets. The opposition is insisting on Yanukovich's resignation and an early election while the embattled president is apparently prepared to fight until the end. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Activists evacuate a wounded protester during clashes with police in Kyiv's Independence Square in Ukraine on Thursday. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sochi

A Ukrainian skier has withdrawn from the Olympics to protest the deaths of anti-government protesters in her country.

"I don't want to participate when in my country people die," said Bogdana Matsotska.

The 24-year-old skier is refusing to ski in Friday's slalom, her third and best event at the Sochi Olympics.

Matsotska says Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovich "has to be jailed, and

for a long time ... for all the lives that he took."

She says "I hope that I will be heard by the world."

Matsotska wants to join protesters in Kyiv's Independence Square but says she's been unable to book a flight home.

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Canada's reaction

Feds extend travel ban, promise sanctions

Canada is extending its travel ban to cover more senior officials of the Ukrainian government and is promising economic sanctions as well.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Canadians continue to be outraged by the violence in the Ukrainian capital.

Last month, the Canadian government imposed a travel ban on some officials and promised medical aid for protesters.

There were no immediate specifics of the wider travel ban, nor did Harper's statement provide details of the planned sanctions.

He does say, however, that even tougher measures are being considered.

He is urging the hardline government of President Viktor Yanukovich to stop the violence that has rocked the streets of the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv.

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Oilsands chemicals hit Athabasca River: Environment Canada

Tailings ponds seepage. Research tracks toxic substances back to tarsands

New federal research has strongly backed suspicions that toxic chemicals from Alberta's vast oilsands tailings ponds are leaching into groundwater and seeping into the Athabasca River.

Leakage from oilsands tailings ponds, which now cover 176 square kilometres, has long been an issue. Industry has acknowledged that seepage can occur and previous studies using models have estimated it at 6.5 million litres a day from a single pond.

The soil around the developments contains many chemicals from naturally occurring bitumen deposits and scientists have never been able to separate them from contaminants released by industry.

The current Environment



A tailings pond at the Syncrude oilsands facility near Fort McMurray, Alta., in July, 2012. New federal research has confirmed that water from vast oilsands tailings ponds is leaching into groundwater and seeping into the Athabasca River. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Canada study, accepted for publication in the journal Environmental Science and Technology, used new technology to discover that the mix of chemicals is slightly

different between the two sources. That discovery, made using a \$1.6-million piece of equipment purchased in 2010 to help answer such questions, allows

scientists to actually fingerprint chemicals and trace them back to where they came from.

The research was conducted under the auspices

of the Joint Oilsands Monitoring Program run by the federal and Alberta governments and funded by a \$50-million levy on industry.

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Tracing groundwater

Here's how Environment Canada did its study:

- Scientists took 20 groundwater samples at least one kilometre up-stream and downstream from development.
- They took another seven samples from within 200 metres of two tailings ponds and directly from two tailings ponds.
- Their focus was on so-called acid-extractable organics, which include a family of chemicals called naphthenic acids.
- Those toxins were found in groundwater both near and far from development. But their chemical composition was slightly different nearer the mines — closer to that found in the water from the ponds.

Amigos? Yes, but not that much



Prime Minister Stephen Harper walks with U.S. President Barack Obama in Toluca, Mexico on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

From wheels down to wheels up on Air Force One, U.S. President Barack Obama spent about eight hours on Mexican soil for the Three Amigos summit.

For some, that embodies Obama's attitude towards North American leaders' summits in general and why the so-called Three Amigos club has been in such decline: Obama is just not into it.

"His cameo appearance at this summit sends a clear message that when it comes to North America, Canada and Mexico are dancers without a dance partner," said Fen Hampson, director of global security for the Waterloo, Ont., Centre for International Governance Innovation.

Hampson is one of many who have expressed skepticism over various attempts to hold meaningful North American summits over the last decade.

With the U.S. midterm elections coming up, Obama is also boxed in by politics back home. The North American Free Trade Agreement,

Obama's cameo

Eight hours in Mexico was all U.S. President Barack Obama spent with amigos Harper and Peña Nieto.

- **Ninety minutes.** That's the actual duration of the only meeting the three leaders held together.
- **Three days.** That's how long Harper stayed in Mexico, including a separate visit with Peña Nieto.

the 20th anniversary of which was feted in Toluca, won't be a vote getter, said Hampson.

"NAFTA has never been popular with the base of the Democratic party and generally seen as a job loser, not a gainer," he said.

While he heaped praise on his North American neighbours, Obama also told a business forum in Toluca that the United States, Canada and Mexico will always have "parochial interests."

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Calgary police. Probe into dog abuse turns to suspicious fundraising

Calgary police say they are no longer looking into a complaint about an abused dog, but will investigate a fundraiser involving the case.

Alyssa Hatfield and her fiancé Cameron Edmonds told police two weeks ago that their husky cross had been taken from their backyard.

Edmonds said that he searched the neighbourhood and found the pet hog-tied and with a belt around its muzzle.

Police say they found un-

explained inconsistencies with the complaint, but aren't closing the case.

A total of \$1,700 was raised on an online fundraising site for the dog's vet bills.

Animal abuse has been a high-profile issue in Calgary since a cat and starved dog were found dead in an alley with their mouths taped shut.

People donated \$72,000 on the same crowd-sourcing site as a reward to find the person responsible. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec

Right-to-die bill on life support

Quebec's landmark right-to-die bill is on shaky ground with rumblings of a looming provincial election.

The Parti Québécois government hoped to fast-track a vote on Thursday to pass the bill into law as the legislature breaks for two weeks.

But quick passage of the long-awaited bill didn't come as the Opposition Liberals want to wait another month to continue the debate.

There is widespread speculation the PQ will call an election in the coming weeks setting an April vote.

The bill could die on the order paper if it is not passed before the dissolution of the legislature, expected after the break. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beginning of the end of door mail delivery starts

The walking dead. Bid adieu to your postie, as 11 centres kick off move to community boxes

Eleven centres will start collecting mail at community boxes this fall as Canada Post begins its move to end door-to-door delivery.

It's the first stage of a five-year plan announced in December and will involve about 100,000 addresses.

Canada Post says that in large cities during this phase, only a few neighbourhoods will be affected, and delivery will continue to businesses.

In the smaller municipalities, nearly all households and a higher proportion of businesses will move to community mailboxes.

Canada Post says these neighbourhoods are near areas that already have community mailboxes, so the infrastructure is already in place.

The Crown corporation will ask for feedback about the change for use as the program moves to other communities.

The national mail service says rising costs and falling mail volumes have made it impossible to continue its traditional operations.

It says only about one-third of Canadians are still getting home delivery. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Affected communities

The 11 communities and the approximate number of affected addresses are:

- **Alberta.** Some neighbourhoods in Calgary (Postal codes start with T2B, T3J) (10,450 addresses) and Fort McMurray (8,450 addresses)
- **Manitoba.** Some neighbourhoods in Winnipeg (Postal codes start with R2P, R2V) (12,500 addresses)
- **Ontario.** Oakville (26,400 addresses.) Neighbourhoods in Kanata, near
- **Ottawa** (Postal codes start with K2K, K2L, K2M) (7,900 addresses)
- **Quebec.** Rosemère (3,350 addresses); Lorraine (2,550 addresses); Bois-des-Filion (2,750 addresses); Charlemagne (1,300 addresses); Repentigny (14,400 addresses)
- **Nova Scotia.** Halifax neighbourhoods in the Lower Sackville and Bedford areas (Postal codes start with B4A, B4B, B4C, B4E, B4G) (9,950 addresses).



Cold stone failure: Timmie's puts creamery out of misery

Pedestrians walk past a Tim Hortons location with a Cold Stone Creamery in Toronto on Thursday. Tim Hortons has announced it's pulling the plug on its deluxe ice cream shops, a decision that cost the company about \$19 million in the fourth quarter. The partnership with the American dairy chain, which began in 2009, will continue in the Tim Hortons locations in the United States. **TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS; PHOTO: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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WhatsApp with Facebook's record-busting purchase?



ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News in London, U.K.

Facebook has paid \$19 billion US for WhatsApp, the smartphone app that allows users to send text messages for free. How can an app be worth as much as Honduras's entire economy, and much more than the economies of Jamaica and Nicaragua? Metro spoke with Bryce Keane, founder and director of the London, U.K.,

social media firm Albion Drive and co-founder of events firm 3beards.

\$19 billion, isn't that too much money for a company that doesn't make any money?

Let's be honest, it's a pretty crazy evaluation. Facebook already has a similar technology but not many users, whereas WhatsApp has 450 million users. Facebook is buying WhatsApp's users and space.

But how is Facebook ever going to make the money back?

It's not buying WhatsApp to make money but to enter a new market and capture an active user population that doesn't use Facebook. A lot of young people use WhatsApp because they can't afford text messages. And let's be honest, somebody else already bought Skype and Viber. The messaging war is on.



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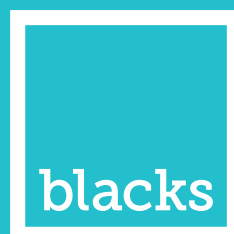
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CURLING GETS A BIT NUTTY

The world's most bizarre Olympics (and that's saying something) are cruising to a climax in Sochi this week, so it's only natural that all the follies are trending on social media.

1 The aim: to land the walnut in the centre of the nest. Perhaps the funniest video ever made. The BBC is responsible for running a video of the U.K. and U.S. Olympic women's curling match over a soundtrack of David Attenborough, in full plummy upper-crust roar, describing the mating ritual of some kind of exotic critter, while curlers point, sweep, curl the "walnut," and exhort each other strenuously. The walnut gets to be the rock. Curling finally makes some kind of sense.

2 Pound sand. Former Canadian Olympic chief Dick Pound gets a giggle on Twitter every time he's mentioned at Sochi merely because of his name. Somehow this guy managed to spend the last 50 years as a dedicated servant



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of amateur sport and as the world's foremost anti-doping crusader, only to trend on Twitter in his latter days because he's got a name that's more suited to a Sochi Tinder account.

3 And the gold medal for protesting at Sochi goes to... Pussy Riot. I'm not saying they went out of their way to get beaten up, but for sheer, er, punch, the YouTube video of the women of the Russian protest rock group getting beaten and whipped (yes, whipped) by members of the Cossack militia in front of the Sochi hoarding that surrounds the Olympic site is probably the most effective statement made against the whole fiasco. Their offence? Singing, "Putin will teach you how to love the motherland." OK, so it's not the song of the Vol-

ga Boatmen, but whipped?

4 Got a problem with that? The Sochi Games are plagued by so many problems @Sochi2014 still doesn't have as many fol-

lowers as @SochiProblems. Not even close: 263,000 for the former to 340,000 for the problems. The Russian-language problems site has an additional 171,000. D'oh! Or is that da!?

5 Meanwhile, over at the Shanghai Games. Not all the action is in Sochi. If you want see a real Olympian effort, how about two guys climbing the tallest building in China, the second tallest in the world, at 121 storeys and 632 metres? The hardest part? Once they got to the top, they have to look down.

6 Put down the phone. Step away from the table. French chefs are notorious prima donnas. But it's hard to argue with their latest source of outrage. Before they savour the savoury, diners are getting in the habit of documenting their meal and uploading the image to social media. "There is a time and place for everything," declares Alexandre Gauthier, chef of the Grenouillere in La Madeleine-sous-Montreuil. Not only that, it's bordering on gastronomic espionage. That will be 50 euros for the duck and 10 for the residuals. Or is that leftovers?

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Remembering a teammate



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Canada's Nik Zoricic honoured by team

Canada's Christopher Delbosco, left, flies through the air during the eighth final of the men's ski cross at the Sochi Winter Olympics in Russia on Thursday.

Members of the Canadian ski cross team who would normally be dressed head-to-toe in red and white, designed denim-looking ski pants for their Olympic race in honour of Nik Zoricic, who died after an accident on the ski cross course in March 2012.

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Denim makes a real statement in Sochi

When Toronto's Nik Zoricic began his ski cross career, he didn't have the right pants, so he wore blue jeans to the mountain.

Zoricic crashed through safety nets in a World Cup event, suffered severe head injuries and died in Grindelwald, Switzerland. Two months earlier, Canadian free skier Sarah Burke died in a training accident.

Canada's Brady Leman finished fourth Thursday in ski cross finals. France took all the medals.

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@jennifercw015: I agree with the restaurant and I would add a movie theatre or ordering anything from a customer service agent

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@scottmahoney94: Line ups in fast food restaurants while ordering

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@ammarxghori: thats so stupid LOL food porn = public interest in the food via social media = more popularity/customers/interest

@_Escape_Artist: public places where it may be a negative distraction to both users and others. Theatres (of all kinds) especially

@Canucklehead_ca: Brett Farve's possession. (See also: US Senators.)

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Synopsis

Set in the shadow of the gurgling volcano Mount Vesuvius, *Pompeii* stars *Game of Thrones* heart-throb Kit Harington as the muscle-bound Milo. His tribe, including his entire family, was wiped out by the vicious Roman Senator Corvus (Kiefer Sutherland) dooming him to a lonely life of servitude under the thumb of Roman masters. Years later as a gladiator in Pompeii's coliseum he sees a way to exact revenge and save Cassia (Emily Browning), the most beautiful girl in the lush resort town. As warriors Milo and Atticus (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) battle Roman soldiers in the coliseum, the volcano erupts, causing havoc. Will Milo get vengeance and save Cassia before a rolling mountain of lava and ash covers the city?

Richard: ●●●●●

Mark: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Pompeii opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Plenty of molten cheese

Pompeii. The volcano is the only actor in this film that shows any kind of fire and spark

Richard: Mark, the spirit of Steve Reeves lives on. If you aren't familiar with Mr. Reeves' oeuvre, he was Hercules before Kevin Sorbo, a legend of beefcake historical drama movies. His movies were all about bulging muscles, swinging swords and damsels in revealing togas. Which brings me to the spiritual cousin to the Reeves movies — *Pompeii* — which adds spewing lava, but not much else to the sword and sandal genre. Physically,

Jason Statham sound-a-like Harington is up to the heroic Reeves role but is slowed down by the thick layer of molten cheese that covers almost every frame of this film.

Mark: Richard, the movie reminded me of *Titanic*, but not in a good way. It's 90 minutes of derivative and irrelevant narrative, a love story between an upper class woman and a commoner, followed by a half hour of the special effects you came to see in the first place. Harington is fine, but it doesn't matter. The real star is the volcano, and unfortunately, it has the best lines. The gladiator plotline is inferior to other films in the same genre, although I thought the 20 slaves versus

20 centurions scene was handled with great verve.

RC: It does take too long for Mount Vesuvius to blow its top — complete with flying lava meteorites — and when it does, the special effects aren't quite as spectacular as you might hope from a CGI extravaganza. On top of that is muddy-looking 3D. The film overall is dark as though the whole thing was shot through a cloud of volcanic ash. Having said that, I didn't think the volcano had all the best lines. I got a kick out of a prison guard loudly waking up the jailed gladiators by shouting, "Wake up, scum!"

MB: Oh. I thought he was

shouting that to the audience. And poor Kiefer Sutherland, given a cardboard role in a papier-mâché film. I kept expecting him to look at the volcano and shout, "We're running out of time!" What I think I would have liked was a drama that showed a cross section of Pompeii life all too tragically snuffed out by the erupting volcano. But maybe that would have been *Pompous*.

RC: Ha! I felt that when slave trader Graecus said, "You dragged me from a perfectly good brothel for this?" he was speaking directly to me.

MB: Unfortunately the movie didn't speak to me in any way, shape or form.

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Thriller



3 Days to Kill

Director: McG

Stars: Kevin Costner,
Amber Heard

In this heart pounding action-thriller, Kevin Costner is a dangerous international spy, who is determined to give up his high stakes life to finally build a closer relationship with his estranged wife and daughter, whom he's previously kept at arm's length to keep out of danger. But first, he must complete one last mission.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
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Film studios still put their faith in religion

God is dead? He might be in some parts, but he's alive and well at the box office

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With a number of Biblical-themed films slated for release in 2014, religious films are back in vogue a decade after Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* earned \$611 million and became the highest grossing non-English language film of all time.

In a time when religion is on the wane in North America, religious movies seem to still have box office draw and studios are readily throwing money behind them. John Pungente, director of the Jesuit Communication Project in Toronto, says studios continue to

make them for one big reason. "Money. Studios are taking a leap of faith that films with religious figures as super heroes who save the world will bring in big money like *The Passion of the Christ*."

Last year's most watched TV cable miniseries, *The Bible*, from devout Christians Roma Downey and Mark Burnett, averaged 11.4 million viewers per episode and became the top-selling DVD miniseries ever — 525,000 copies were sold in the first week. Burnett made the series over strenuous objections in Hollywood.

Downey and Burnett's feature film on the life of Christ, *Son of God* is in theatres next week and Darren Aronofsky's *Noah* with Russell Crowe and *Exodus*, Ridley Scott's biblical epic starring Christian Bale as Moses are also due out this year.

Next year, we'll see Ang Lee's *Gods and Kings*, currently in development, and Mary (Mother of Christ) with Odeya

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"We go to see movies that attract us because we are seekers, pop pilgrims."

Jesuit Communication Project director John Pungente on the mass appeal of religious films

Rush, Ben Kingsley and the late Peter O'Toole. All are big budget special effects epics.

Burnett, best known for his pioneering work in reality TV, says producing religious content is more than just a money maker.

"This is for billions of people the most important story in their lives," he says.

Religious films have been everything from good to (excuse the pun) God-awful.

They also often polarize audiences, inspiring protests, boycotts and heated debate. Consider the graphic torture



Son of God opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

scenes in *The Passion of the Christ* and Willem Dafoe's moment of doubt in *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

Pungente says a good religious film has certain qualities. "It touches something inside of you, it moves you, if you can connect with the 'message' of the film, find answers to questions you've had and find we're more than we thought."

"We go to see movies that attract us because we are

seekers, pop pilgrims. We are exercising, consciously or not, a religious sensibility, that engages us in the rituals of self-transcendence, or classic spiritual enlightenment. It's more than media literacy; it is genuine spiritual literacy that grows out of the pop culture in this mass mediated world. So *Beasts of the Southern Wild* or *Life of Pi* can be seen as religious a pair of films as *The Passion of the Christ* or *Son of God*."

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Hayden Christensen makes a comeback

Working with the pros. After a bit of a hiatus, Canadian actor returns alongside Nic Cage and Adrien Brody

Hayden Christensen says it was "quite the adventure" filming the period piece *Outcast* in China — an experience that was heightened by his co-star Nicolas Cage.

The Vancouver-born actor of *Star Wars* fame said he was in and around Beijing for nearly four months shooting the action movie, which is set in the 12th century.

"We were filming out in the rural countryside for the most part and some incredible environments. And then working with Nic Cage was a real treat," Christensen said in a recent phone interview.

"He's everything that you expect and more. A super, super nice guy and one of the most professional actors I've ever gotten to work with."

Christensen said that he and Cage portray knights from the Crusades in the film. When the Canadian star first crossed paths with the Oscar winner, Cage already

appeared well on his way towards being immersed in his on-screen role.

"First time I met him, he was full on in character and didn't break character for the first couple of weeks," Christensen recalled. "He did a full-on English accent, he had like this wound on one eye, so he was walking around with one eye shut all of the time...."

"(He's) just a very dedicated guy. Showed up, he knew all of his lines for the entire movie before we started filming. Just incredibly prepared, and it was really cool to get to work with him because I was a fan."

The 32-year-old — who has starred in films including *Shattered Glass*, *Jumper* and *Awake* — appears poised for a return to the big screen. In addition to shooting the recent project with Cage, he is set to appear alongside yet another Oscar winner, joining Adrien Brody in *American Heist*.

Filmed in New Orleans, Christensen said the pair portray brothers who get caught up with the wrong crowd and "decide it's a good idea to go rob a bank."

Christensen catapulted to international fame with his starring role as Anakin

Skywalker in two of the *Star Wars* prequels: 2002's *Episode II - Attack of the Clones* and *Episode III - Revenge of the Sith*, which was released in 2005.

The storied sci-fi franchise will be revived once again with the Walt Disney Co. producing a new *Star Wars* trilogy set to take place after the original three space epics.

J.J. Abrams — director of two recent big-screen adaptations of the *Star Trek* franchise — will be helming the first film in the new *Star Wars* series. Shooting for *Star Wars: Episode VII* is slated to begin this spring and is due for release in 2015. Original *Star Wars* stars Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher are expected to play

smaller, supporting roles in the new movie.

"I think it's in good hands," said Christensen of the sci-fi film series reboot. "I think they're going to take the franchise probably into a new direction. I'm not really involved, so I wish them the best."

"I saw George Lucas not too long ago, and he's def-

initely moving on to a new phase of his life," Christensen added in reference to the famed *Star Wars* creator, who remarried last year and also welcomed a baby girl.

"It will be interesting to see what Disney does with it, and what J.J. does with the first film."

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Game of Thrones cast promises a new season full of twists and turns

Action packed.

Offscreen pals Kristian Nairn and Isaac Hempstead-Wright say season four will deliver the goods

While the much buzzed-about Red Wedding episode delivered a gut punch to Game of Thrones fans, the new season of the fantasy epic appears poised to do more of the same with the potential for plenty of fresh plot twists.

"Some people thought that after the Red Wedding that that would be a major pinnacle of the action," said Kristian Nairn, who portrays Hodor in the hit series during a recent interview in Toronto alongside co-star Isaac Hempstead-Wright (Bran Stark).

"But it doesn't let up, the action doesn't let up, and season four is definitely non-stop."

Dressed casually in a hoodie, T-shirt and jeans with miniature tattoos of stars dotted above his right eye, the affable actor is strikingly different than his Games character Hodor, the simple-minded servant for the Starks. Hodor becomes a trusted companion to young Bran, tasked with carrying the boy who is paralyzed after being pushed from a tower window.

The onscreen kinship between Nairn and Hempstead-Wright has translated away from the cameras, as



Stars of HBO's hit series Game of Thrones, Kristian Nairn (Hodor) and Isaac Hempstead-Wright (Bran Stark) pose at a publicity event in Toronto this week. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

the pair share a laugh prior to their interview looking on a mobile phone at a photo of a dog sent in by a fan.

"We're definitely close in real life — and we didn't really have a choice not to be close. We were sort of forced into each other's proximity. I hope it comes across on camera," said Nairn.

"I'm very protective of Isaac — even in real life. I would like to think that that shows in the character."

Still, despite relishing his role, hoisting Hempstead-Wright on his back for lengthy shoots — often with several retakes — has become a bit of an occupational hazard for the six-foot-10 Nairn.

"Painful. I've got numer-

ous back injuries because of it," said Nairn. "He's literally three times the size he was when I first met him."

He looks at Hempstead-Wright: "You were four stone (56 pounds) when I first met you."

"I think I'm twice that now," the 14-year-old replied.

"Maybe more," countered Nairn. "I'll bet more."

"What have you got against my weight?" asked Hempstead-Wright, teasingly. Nairn lets out a hearty laugh.

"On my back, I've got against it," he replied, jokingly. "He's definitely grown quite a lot."

For Hempstead-Wright, who lives in a secluded rural part of Kent in the U.K., he says life remains very much the same as when he first

joined the acclaimed series, filming the pilot at age 10. Given the show's very adult subject matter, he admits his mother "didn't really want to watch it at all."

"It was a process, but in a sense that the violence wasn't so much a problem because you knew that it was all fake. You'd be walking around with dead bodies on the ground and taking pictures of them," he said. "My mum found the sex a bit more of a problem, and she just gave me equally inappropriate talks about it all."

Nairn said season four will be interesting in terms of story arc as the duo are joined by Jojen and Meera Reed (Thomas Brodie-Sangster and Ellie Kendrick) as they journey beyond the

Quoted

"The characters make the show what it is because they're rich, there's intrigue, you never know what they're thinking or whether they're going to completely change tack."

Isaac Hempstead-Wright, who plays Bran Stark

Wall along the northern border — and into potential danger.

"We're doing the completely sort of illogical thing because everybody else is trying to run as far away from the north as possible, and we're running straight into it," said Hempstead-Wright.

Neither of the stars have read the George R.R. Martin books but both are keen to read the scripts and admit there are inherent advantages to being a part of such a large ensemble.

"They need to have a big

cast and the introduction to new characters to counter the huge loss every 10 minutes of different characters," said Hempstead-Wright.

"The characters make the show what it is because they're rich, there's intrigue, you never know what they're thinking or whether they're going to completely change tack. They interweave, and when you think one is completely miles away, they suddenly collide and you get this whole new storyline."

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Empathetic Franco worried about the shape Shia is in

Well, this was inevitable. As Shia LaBeouf contends with responses to his “performance art” piece from last week, #IAMSORRY, fellow actor and high-brow aspirant James Franco has taken to the New York Times Op-Ed page to voice his opinion on the matter.

“Though the wisdom of some of his actions may seem questionable, as an actor and artist I’m inclined to take an empathetic view of his conduct,” Franco writes. “This behaviour could be a sign of

many things, from a nervous breakdown to mere youthful recklessness. For Mr. LaBeouf’s sake I hope it is nothing serious.” Franco recounts his own decision to join the daytime soap opera General Hospital, as a means “to undermine the tacit—or not so tacit—hierarchy of entertainment,” before concluding: “I think Mr. LaBeouf’s project, if it is a project, is a worthy one. I just hope that he is careful not to use up all the good will he has gained as an actor in order to show us that he is an artist.”



James Franco

Posh headed in new direction and ready to Spice up middle-class fashion

Posh Spice is getting decidedly less posh, all in the name of brand expansion. Victoria Beckham is reportedly going to start making clothes for the common folk, according to Radar Online. “Victoria

has decided to branch her label out of its very upmarket roots,” a source says. “She’ll finally be able to crack the mid-range department store market that has made millions for stars like Jessica Simpson.”

Yes, but will she be able to look at herself in the mirror? “It took Victoria a while because she can be so stuck up about everything,” the source explains. “But she’s finally admitted to herself and her team that she’d like to conquer a store such as Macy’s and not just be known for high-end clothing.” In an interview with Metro last year, Beckham acknowledged that her role as a fashion designer is to “empower” women. “I’m proud of what I’ve achieved with my team

and with how my business is growing,” she told us.



Victoria Beckham

“I’m glad that I can make women feel empowered. Because that’s ultimately why I do what I do.”



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Jennifer Lawrence ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Rumours about ‘lovely’ Lawrence are true

All the reports about Jennifer Lawrence being completely down-to-earth and relatable are apparently on the up and up. Clarista Hoult, sister to Lawrence’s boyfriend Nicholas Hoult, tells Heat magazine that the Oscar-winner is “lovely” and “really easy to talk to” in real life. “She doesn’t seem like a Hollywood type. She just (fits) in,” Clarista tells the magazine. “We didn’t talk about work. We talked about what was on the TV.”

‘Heartbroken’ Gomez puts a target on Miley’s back

Selena Gomez is apparently out for blood after hearing about Miley Cyrus’ rumoured hook-up with Justin Bieber — and she’s bringing in backup. According to Life & Style, Gomez has enlisted the help of pals Taylor Swift and Demi Lovato to enact her revenge.

“All four girls used to be friendly, but when Selena heard Miley started making moves on Justin, it went downhill,” a source says. “Both Taylor and Demi know

how heartbroken Selena has been, and they hate what Miley did to her.”

Gomez’s camp has reportedly started freezing Cyrus out of lucrative appearances and “trash-talking” her to anyone who will listen around Hollywood, while Cyrus herself is said to be taking steps to keep her distance.

“She checks in with club owners and event planners to make sure those girls won’t be around,” a source says.



Selena Gomez

Twitter



@lenadunham

I like to play a game in macrobiotic restaurants. It’s called “homeless socialist or Patti Smith?”



@billmaher

That preacher who died when the snake he was handling bit him? Combines the 2 things I hate most in life: religion and prop comedy



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With French wines on the comeback trail, one region in

particular has found a place in the hearts and mouths of wine lovers.

Though the Rhône valley is not as flashy as Bordeaux and Champagne or as mysterious as Burgundy, its wines combine Old World charm with New World drinkability.

The southern France valley is divided into two parts. In the north the wines get their fuller flavours thanks to the dominance of the syrah grape. The lighter wines in the south are ruled by grenache, a major influence on the region's most famous wine, Châteauneuf-

du-Pape.

Père Anselme's 2011 La Fiole Côtes-du-Rhône (\$14.99-\$18.99) is 85 per cent grenache. Its smooth blend of blackcurrant, licorice and bright berries comes wrapped in Anselme's famous crooked bottle.

A Côtes-du-Rhône is one of the few reds I think pairs well with a meaty bowl of chili. Try it with winter stews, sausage-based dishes and roast turkey dinners as well. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Peachy-keen on crumble

DONNA HAY
gustotv.com

1. Preheat oven to 200°C (400°F). Roll out pastry between 2 sheets of non-stick baking paper into a rough round about 5 mm thick.
2. Place the pastry on a baking tray lined with non-stick baking paper. Spread the pastry with the jam leaving a 5 cm border. Top the jam with the peaches. Fold over the pastry to form a rim.
3. To make the crumble topping, combine the butter, almonds, flour, sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle in clumps over the top of the peaches.
4. Bake for 25 minutes or until pastry and the crumble top are golden. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

Ingredients

- 350 g store-bought or homemade sweet shortcrust pastry
- 3 tablespoons apricot jam
- 3 peaches, sliced
- vanilla ice cream, to serve
- Crumble topping**
- 40 g butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds, finely chopped
- ¼ cup (35g) plain (all-purpose) flour
- 2 tablespoons caster (super-fine) sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Looking for a savoury and a sweet to put on the table pronto? Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay shows us how with recipes from her cookbook *Fast, Fresh, Simple*.

Stir-fried shrimp fill out an omelette nicely



FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE
Donna Hay
gustotv.com

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons grated ginger
- 1 long red chilli, finely sliced
- 4 green onions (scallions), finely sliced
- 10 large green (raw) prawns (shrimp), peeled and cleaned
- 4 cups cooked jasmine rice
- soy and chilli sauces, to serve

1. Heat a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add half the sesame oil and half the egg and swirl to coat the pan.
2. Cook for 1 minute or until the egg has set. Remove from pan, set aside and repeat with remaining egg and oil.
3. Heat the frying pan over high heat. Add the vegetable oil, ginger, chilli and onion and cook for 1 minute.

4. Add the prawns and cook for 3 minutes.

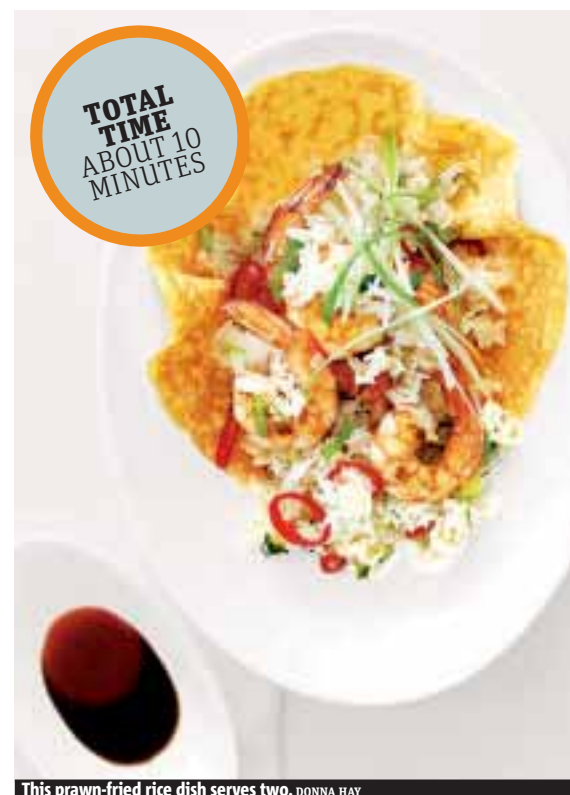
5. Add the rice and cook for 2-3 minutes or until warmed through.

6. Place the omelettes on serving plates and spoon over the rice mixture. Drizzle with soy and chilli sauces to serve.

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This prawn-fried rice dish serves two. DONNA HAY

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Women's hockey.

Canada wins fourth straight Olympic title with comeback win over U.S. capped in OT

Once again, Marie-Philip Poulin's heroics put Canada on top of the women's hockey podium at the Winter Olympics.

Poulin's goal at 8:10 of overtime gave Canada a 3-2 win over the archrival Americans in the gold-medal final at the Sochi Winter Games on Thursday.

It was her second goal of the game after she tied the score with just 55 seconds left in regulation.

"I don't know what to say, it's so surreal and a dream come true again," she said.

It's a historic fourth straight gold medal for Canada. The only other women's team to win more consecutive Olympic gold is the U.S. in women's basketball with five in a row from 1996 to 2012.

Poulin was a heroine of Canada's gold in Vancouver four years ago. She scored twice in a 2-0 win over the Americans.

"It doesn't feel real yet but I'm an Olympic gold medalist," said Canadian defenceman Jocelyne Larocque.

The dramatic win came for a Canadian team that has faced adversity in recent months with their coach Dan Church resigning in December and Kevin Dineen taking over just weeks before the Sochi Games.

The Canadians took to Dineen right away and he kept them calm Thursday.

"He was so confident in us, going into overtime our coach just told us to be calm and play



Team Canada celebrates its overtime win in the women's gold-medal hockey game in front of Anne Schleper of the U.S. on Thursday in Sochi, Russia. Canada won 3-2. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

our game," said Poulin. "He totally believed in us."

The Canada-U.S. rivalry is a bitter one with the teams coming to blows in exhibition games played in the lead-up to Sochi. Canada had lost four straight coming into the Olympics but won when the teams squared off in the round-robin earlier in the Games.

"I'm proud of the fight that we put up for the whole game," said American captain Meghan

Duggan. "I'm proud to wear this jersey always, no matter if win or lose."

"It's not the result we wanted," she added, her voice breaking and tears starting to flow.

Trailing 1-0 after two periods and down two goals deep into the third, Canada scored twice in the final 3:26 of the regulation and suddenly the gold that had been slipping away was within reach again.

"It was a hard game," said

Canadian veteran Hayley Wickenheiser. "We came back, we never quit, and we believed in ourselves."

Canada's Brienne Jenner halved the deficit at 16:34 of the third with a shot that deflected off of U.S. defender Kacey Bellamy's knee and over goalie Jessie Vetter.

With Shannon Szabados pulled from Canada's net for an extra attacker, forward Kelli Stack's attempted empty-netter that would have sealed the gold for the Americans hit the post.

Meghan Duggan and Alex

Golden dynasty

With four straight gold medals in women's hockey Hayley Wickenheiser, Jayna Hefford and Caroline Ouellette joined Soviet biathlete Alexander Tikhonov and German speedskater Claudia Pechstein as gold medallists in four consecutive Winter Games.

Carpenter were the goal scorers for the U.S.

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OVERTIME

with Micheal Ray Richardson

Get the inside track on the London Lightning as Metro's Dave Langford chats with coach and former NBA star Micheal Ray, every Wednesday at metronews.ca





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It's the semifinal countdown

Deh-neh-neh-neh, deh-neh-neh-neh... Rematch the hockey world's been waiting for promises to settle a few scores

More than 19,000 kilometres separate Vancouver and Sochi, and four years have passed since Sidney Crosby scored his golden goal.

Team Canada and the United States meet again at the Olympics on Friday, but almost everything — from the size of the rink to the expectations and the stage — has changed since their last meeting at the 2010 Games.

Most importantly, it's not for the gold medal but rather a spot in the final.

"It seems like we were on a crash course to meet those guys," U.S. centre David Backes said. "And we get them in the semifinal instead of the final,

which would have been a little more storybook." Throw out



Left: Canadian players Sidney Crosby, from left, Jonathan Toews and Jeff Carter share a laugh at practice on Thursday in Sochi. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS
Right: Phil Kessel has been stellar for the Americans, scoring five goals while playing with Zach Parise. PETR DAVID JOSEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



the storybook and throw out history. Based strictly on a tournament the Americans have rolled through, they look like the favourites against Canada for the first time at the Olympics since NHL players began participating.

Only Backes and his U.S. teammates are embracing the underdog role and trying to deflate high expectations, while Drew Doughty and Canada

want to pump themselves up.

"We don't see ourselves as the underdog," Doughty said. "I think both teams are really evenly matched. I don't know who I would give the upper hand to at this point. But I'm obviously more confident in my team than theirs."

Confidence was brimming from both sides a day before meeting with a chance to clinch a spot in the gold-medal game against Sweden or Finland.

It's easy to see where it's coming from for the Americans, who have outscored opponents 20-6 through four games. While Canadian coach Mike Babcock pointed out that it has been "easy" for the U.S. to score, mostly against Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic, Backes doesn't see it that

way.

"I don't think it's come easy at all, we've had to work for everything we've gotten, second chances, rebounds, dirty goals," he said. "Everything we've gotten we've worked for and we plan to work for everything we're going to get in the future."

U.S. coach Dan Bylsma said there's no "secret" to what his team has done to lead the tournament in scoring. The win over Russia featured two power-play goals, and the rest of the production has been spread around, whether it be Phil Kessel's five goals in pretty fashion or Dustin Brown's two with some grease on them.

Still, Bylsma doesn't want his team to try to go chance-for-chance with the deep Can-

adians.

"They have more skill and they're a deeper team but we're a harder team to play against," Bylsma said. "We're going to match up and go toe-to-toe with them that way."

The feeling around the pre-tournament favourite Canadians is that even after scoring just 13 goals through four games, more are bound to come if quality opportunities keep

piling up.

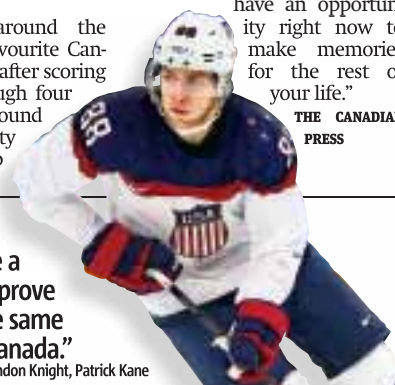
"I think we're going to get more opportunities than we've been getting," said Matt Duchene, who will replace the injured John Tavares in Canada's lineup. "I know it's only a matter of time before the dam bursts and we start scoring a lot of goals."

If Canada scores goals at the pace its players do during an NHL regular season, there's no way the U.S. can keep up. That's one thing the Canadians are hoping for by not playing a European team — that this will be a bit more of a North American-style game.

But, again, this is not Vancouver. The ice is still 15 feet wider at Bolshoy Ice Dome than it was at Rogers Arena four years ago, meaning it cannot possibly be the exact same brand of hockey that produced that legendary gold-medal game. "2010's all over with," Team Canada coach Mike Babcock said. "We're at a new opportunity both for them and for us. The teams are different. You

have an opportunity right now to make memories for the rest of your life."

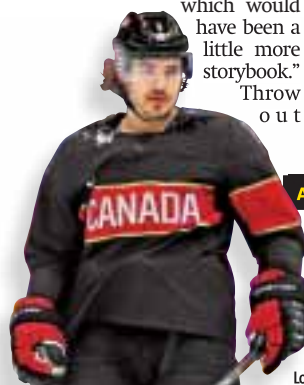
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U.S. and them

"I think we have a chance to try to prove that we're in the same sentence with Canada."

U.S. forward and former London Knight, Patrick Kane



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London native Drew Doughty

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Former Lightning charges grounded

NBL. Ex-London players find truth in old saying 'you can never go home again'



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It was old-home week for more than one National Basketball League of Canada team at Budweiser Gardens on Thursday.

The London Lightning were the home team and the Saint John Mill Rats, with their four former Lightning, were the guests this night on the court.

But lurking in the seats were the The Island Storm and their three former Lightning. They arrived 48 hours early for their Saturday on-court date with London.

On the court, the Lightning were not gracious hosts as they handed the Mill Rats



London's Stephen McDowell drives to the basket against St. John.
ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

a 102-92 defeat before 5,296 fans that included a sold-out upper bowl of General Dynamics employees.

Elvin Mims led the Lightning with 26 points and Anthony Anderson was the top Mill Rat scorer with 24 points.

The former Lightning players with Saint John were Jermaine Blackburn, Tyrone Levett and Dane Smith. Raheem Singleton, who

started this season with the Lightning, did not make the trip with Saint John and is on injured reserve.

Blackburn left the Lightning late last season and was not part of the championship playoff run.

"They're both great places," Blackburn said. "Saint John is just where I am at right now and I'm just focusing on bringing some success to Saint John and win the championship there."

Lightning general manager Taylor Brown said head coach Micheal Ray Richardson and Blackburn did not see eye to eye.

"He's a solid player in this league. I consider him in the top echelon of the players in this league," Brown said. "It was just a difference of opinions with the coach and it was either him or Micheal Ray and Micheal had won a couple of championships and we weren't getting rid of the coach."

Curling. Jones, jubilant Canada sweep away the competition for Olympic gold

As Jennifer Jones crouched in the hack, cleaning the rock in advance of her last throw, she was already cracking a grin.

As the stone made its way down the ice, the smile got even broader. And when the rock reached the other end, the beaming Winnipeg skip was jumping for joy.

Olympic champion. Perfect record. Money in the bank.

Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen defeated Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson 6-3 on Thursday in a tense final decided by Canada's steal of two in the ninth. Only then were the Canadian women able to relax and bring out the smiles that have been their Olympic trademark here.

"We're Olympic gold medalists," said a jubilant Jones, wearing the same gold eye shadow she favoured in Wednesday's semifinal. "It's something that you dream of for your entire life. It's what every athlete wants to do and we did it today."

The win at the Ice Cube Curling Center improved Can-



Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg reacts after throwing the final stone to win Olympic gold for Canada in Sochi on Thursday. CLIVE MASON/GETTY IMAGES

ada's record at the Games to 11-0, matching Canadian skip Kevin Martin's feat of winning the 2010 Olympic crown without a loss. Jones, 39, has now added Olympic gold to the world championship she won in 2008 as well as four Canadian titles.

It's Canada's second women's curling gold. The late Sandra Schmirler won the first in Nagano, Japan, in 1998.

The performance will trigger debate of where Jones be-

longs in the women's curling pantheon. One of the greatest of all time?

Jones, who took up sports to get over her shyness, says the curling rink has long been a haven.

"I loved the smell of the ice, I loved competing. I loved the feeling of it. It was a place in the world where I felt the safest," she said. "And that happened when I was 11 years old and that continues to this day."

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Czech Republic	2	4	2	8
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Slovenia	2	1	4	7
Belarus	5	0	1	6
People's Republic of China	3	2	1	6
South Korea	2	2	1	5

WHAT CANADA DID

THURSDAY

CURLING

Women's Final - Canada defeated Sweden 6-3 to capture the **gold medal**, its first in women's curling since 1998. The Winnipeg rink, consisting of skip Jennifer Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen, became the first women's team to go through the Olympics undefeated.

FIGURE SKATING

Ladies Free Program - Kaetlyn Osmond (Sherwood Park, Alta.) received 112.80 points in her free program to finish 13th overall (168.98), while Gabrielle Daleman (Newmarket, Ont.) scored 95.83, 17th overall (148.44).

FREESTYLE SKIING

Men's Ski Cross - Brady Leman of Calgary fell in the final and ended up fourth, allowing the three other French finalists to sweep the podium positions. Chris Del Bosco of Montreal and Dave Duncan of London, Ont., were eliminated in the opening round and finished 17th and 26th overall respectively.

Ladies' Ski Halfpipe - Rosalind Groenewoud of Calgary finished 7th overall (74.20 points), while Keltie Hansen of Edmonton failed to qualify for the final and placed 13th overall.

ICE HOCKEY

Women's Final - Canada won its fourth straight Olympic **gold medal** in women's hock-

ey, defeating the United States 3-2 in overtime. Marie-Philip Poulin scored with 55 seconds left in the third period to send it into overtime, and also scored the golden goal on the power play at the 8:10 mark.

CURLING

All Times Eastern

MEN

Wednesday's results

SEMIFINALS

Canada 10 China 6

Britain 6 Sweden 5

Friday's games

BRONZE MEDAL

Sweden vs. China, 3:30 a.m.

GOLD MEDAL

Britain vs. Canada, 8:30 a.m.

WOMEN

Wednesday's results

SEMIFINALS

Canada 6 Britain 4

Sweden 7 Switzerland 5

Thursday's results

BRONZE MEDAL

Britain 6 Switzerland 5

GOLD MEDAL

Canada 6 Sweden 3

CANADA 6, SWEDEN 3

Canada 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 2-6

Sweden 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0-3

CANADA

Team Shots: 77, Points: 253, Percentage: 82.

Jennifer Jones, Shots: 19, Points: 67, Percentage: 88.

Kaitlyn Lawes, Shots: 20, Points: 54, Percentage: 68.

Jill Officer, Shots: 20, Points: 61, Percentage: 76.

Dawn McEwen, Shots: 18, Points: 71, Percentage: 99.

SWEDEN

Team Shots: 77, Points: 266, Percentage: 86.

Maria Prytz, Shots: 18, Points: 61, Percentage: 85.

Christina Bertrup, Shots: 20, Points: 63, Percentage: 79.

Maria Wernnerstrom, Shots: 19, Points: 67, Percentage: 88.

Margaretha Sigfridsson, Shots: 20, Points: 75, Percentage: 94.

HOCKEY

All Times Eastern

MEN

Wednesday's results

QUARTERFINALS

Canada 2 Latvia 1

Sweden 5 Slovenia 0

Finland 3 Russia 1

United States 5 Czech Republic 2

Friday's games

SEMIFINALS

Sweden at Finland, 7 a.m.

Canada at United States, 12 p.m.

Saturday's game

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Semifinal losers, 10 a.m.

Sunday's game

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Semifinal winners, 7 a.m.

WOMEN

Thursday's results

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Switzerland 4 Sweden 3

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Canada 3 United States 2 (OT)

CANADA 3, U.S. 2 (OT)

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Watchorn Cda (Body Checking Minnor) 2:01, Mikkelsen Cda (roughing) 6:13, Knight U.S. (cross-checking) 8:01, Watchorn Cda (tripping) 14:04, Bellamy U.S. (holding) 15:30.

Second Period

1. United States, Duggan 1 (Lamoureux) 11:57.

Penalties — Stack U.S. (hooking) 7:10, Schleper U.S. (cross-checking) 14:14.

Third Period

2. United States, Carpenter 1 (Knight, Stack) 2:01 (pp).

3. Canada, Jenner 1 (Mikkelsen, Larocque) 16:34.

4. Canada, Poulin 1 (Johnston, Irwin) 19:05.

Penalties — Watchorn Cda (tripping) 0:07.

Overtime

5. Canada, Poulin 2 (Fortino) 8:10 (pp).

Penalties — Ward Cda (cross-checking) 6:09, Lamoureux U.S. (slashing) 6:15, Knight U.S. (cross-checking) 7:31.

Shots

Canada 9 8 10 4-31

United States 11 5 8 5-29

Goal — Canada: Szabados (W); United States: Vetter (L). **Power plays (goal-chances)** — Canada: 1-7; United States: 1-5.

Referees — Joy Tottman, Linesmen — Ilona Novotna, Zuzana Svobodova.

Attendance — 10,639 at Sochi, Russia.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Even if you are the kind of Aries who loves surprises what happens today won't necessarily meet with your approval, especially if the joke is on you.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Patience and a sense of humour are a must today. Something is about to happen that not only takes you by surprise but makes your plans redundant, much to your annoyance.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Disruptions are likely across the board today but chances are you won't be as inconvenienced as some people. The good news is that upheavals tend to create new opportunities, so keep your eyes open.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Whatever activities you had lined up for the next 24 hours you may have to think again because unforeseen events will change everything. You may also have to let go of an idea you were attached to.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You will discover something new about a friend or colleague today and although it may shock you a bit you will also be impressed, not least because they managed to keep it a secret so long.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Something dramatic will happen today and you won't be that impressed. However, if you keep your wits about you this is one surprise that can be turned in your favour.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may be bumpier than usual today but that's okay because you are not the sort to panic. You do like to spend money to make yourself feel better and that may be a mistake.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to confront a fear that has been holding you back and you need to do it now. A little bit of courage will take you a long way.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Either you will change your mind and annoy other people, or they will change their minds and annoy you. Either way tempers are going to be a bit on the short side over the next 24 hours.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Don't waste your time or your energy on someone who seems determined to get under your skin. Don't let this feud go on or could develop into something quite dangerous. Just walk away.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Just because you see things in a clear and logical way does not mean other people see with the same kind of eyes or understanding. You will encounter someone today who is rather dull-witted.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

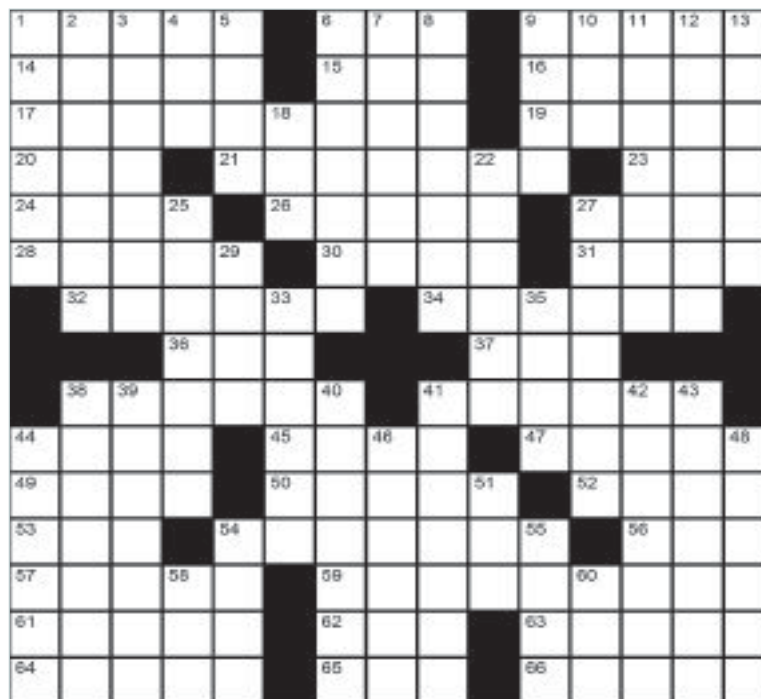
Most things are going your way right now but Saturn, planet of restriction, is still holding you back from following your dream. Take it as a sign that you're not ready to make that dream a reality.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Pandemonium
- Toronto's Union, e.g.
- SOCHI 2014 - Opening/Closing Ceremonies venue, ___ Olympic Stadium
- Canadian author of the Jalna novel series, Mazo de la ___ (b.1879 - d.1961)
- Record label
- "...the bombs bursting ___": 2 wds.
- Montreal borough
- Joni Mitchell's "___ of You"
- US tax ID
- SOCHI 2014 - Speed Skating race, Team ___
- Days opp.
- "So ___."
- Soothsayers
- Rivers: Spanish
- Lettered gyms
- Prefix with 'logical'
- Large lot
- Pattern
- Like partially melted snow
- Writer Mr. Capote, to pals
- US politics org.
- Knowing
- SOCHI 2014 - Podium hauls
- Shock
- Karmann ___



- (Volkswagen of yore)
- Margarines
- Ms. Helgenberger
- French artist Mr. Matisse
- Led Zeppelin IV, aka what?
- www address
- French island where Napoleon was

- born
- ___ favor (Please, in Spanish)
- Ambition
- SOCHI 2014 - Cross-Country race: 2 wds.
- Soap star Ms. Francis
- Offs opposites

- Ms. Clark of country
- Outer limits
- Expanse
- Change hair hue again

Down

- SOCHI 2014 - Canadian Men's

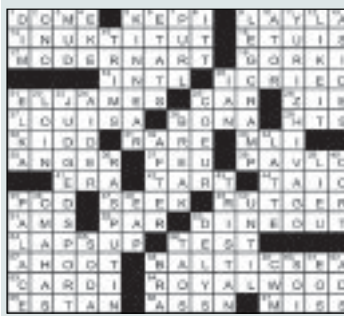
- Ice Hockey captain, Sidney ___
- Hugh Laurie series, "___"
- Behave politely: 2 wds.
- "___ '___' is then?" ...asked the person who initially thought 'S' was the 18th letter

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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

- Permeate
- Administered an oath: 2 wds.
- Strained
- Qualities
- Italian car
- "Monsters, ___" (2001)
- District of ___ (Vancouver Island municipality)
- Past
- Braid: French
- 12th Greek letters
- Opera, Tristan und ___
- Savouring
- Hip-Hop group from Vancouver
- King
- Enthusiastic: 2 wds.
- Reverse
- Headlined
- SOCHI 2014 - Winter Olympics sport
- Lunchbox flask
- Yahoo! CEO Ms. Mayer
- SOCHI 2014 - One of the Mascots
- "My apologies.": 2 wds.
- Blur
- So senseless
- Military foray
- 'Magnet' suffix
- Third letters
- Stars sci.
- Try
- Casual top

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	1	6	4	8	3	9	7	5
7	5	8	6	1	9	3	2	4
4	3	9	5	7	2	1	8	6
9	6	4	3	5	7	2	1	8
8	2	3	1	9	4	5	6	7
5	7	1	8	2	6	4	9	3
1	4	7	9	3	8	6	5	2
3	8	5	2	6	1	7	4	9
6	9	2	7	4	5	8	3	1

8								6
	5	4				7	9	
			6	8	5			
		9	5	4	8	6		
2	8						7	5
		6	1	7	2	9		
			9	1	3			
	6	5				3	4	
3								1

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